

REMARKS

Claims 4-8, 13, 14, 22, 27, 28, 31-34, and 36-56 are active in the present application.

At the outset, Applicants wish to thank Examiner Covington for withdrawing the Restriction Requirement set forth in the July 16, 2003 Office Action. Applicants request reconsideration in view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein.

The rejection of Claims 4-8, 13, 14, 22, 27, 28, 31-34, and 36-54 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph (enablement), is obviated by the present amendment.

Applicants note the Examiner's indication that the specification clearly provides an adequate written description and enablement for "compounds where R⁵ and R⁶ form a heterocyclic ring piperidine." Consistent with this indication, independent Claims 4 and 5 have been amended to limit the scope of the claims to those containing a piperidine moiety. Applicants submit that the examples and the specification fully support the scope of the present claims. As such, Claims 4-8, 13, 14, 22, 27, 28, 31-34, and 36-56 are fully described and enabled.

Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of this ground of rejection.

Finally, Applicants note that the Examiner has not acknowledged consideration of the references cited on the International Search Report filed on November 28, 2001 and listed on the Information Disclosure Statement filed on February 28, 2002. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge consideration of same by providing Applicants with an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 enclosed herewith listing these references. Accordingly, Applicants submit herewith a copy of the International Search Report filed on November 28, 2001 and the Information Disclosure Statement filed on February 28, 2002,

along with a copy of the references for which consideration is requested and copies of the date-stamped filing receipts evidencing the timely filing thereof.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Early notification to this effect is respectfully requested.

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